

Remarks

Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for restriction and request its withdrawal.

Groups I and II, as defined, are related in that, for example, they encompass both catheters having arbitrarily-shaped electrodes and methods for manufacturing catheters having arbitrarily-shaped electrodes. The Office Action fails to satisfy the requirement for showing a serious burden in examining the claims together. Without a serious burden, the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn. See M.P.E.P. § 803. In this case, any search for the catheters of Group II would, logically, encompass a search of the methods of manufacture. Applicants respectfully submit that the Patent Office has not shown why there is a burden in searching all the claims together.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and the election of species requirement.


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If any fees, petitions, or requests for extension of time are required in order to enter or consider this paper, enter or consider any of the claims submitted, enter or consider any paper accompanying this paper, or keep this application or the previous application pending, Applicant hereby requests that the petition or request be granted and Applicant's representative hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1129 for any fees.

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